

Appl. No. 10/809,357
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REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the recommendation made by the Examiner in the outstanding Official Action regarding how to amend claim 1 in order to overcome the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejection. Applicants have amended claim 1 to adopt this suggested claim language. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully assert that claim 1 and all claims depending therefrom are now in full compliance with the requirements of §112 and are in complete condition for allowance.

Applicants have also amended the claims to add new claims 14 through 16. Support for claim 14 may be found at, e.g., page 4, lines 21-22. Support for claims 15 and 16 may be found at, e.g., page 4, lines 3-4 and the claims as originally filed. Applicants respectfully assert that all claims now present in the application are in full compliance with the requirements of §112 and are in complete condition for allowance.

The rejection of claims 1, 3, 4 and 11-13 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention has been carefully considered but is most respectfully traversed in light of the amendments to the claims and the following comments.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to adopt the language suggested by the Examiner in the outstanding Official Action. The Examiner has indicated that this suggested language would overcome the §112 rejections presented in the outstanding Official Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully assert that, in light of these amendments, all claims now present in the application are in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112 and are in complete condition for allowance.

In view of the above comments and further amendments to the claims, favorable reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims now present in the application are

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most respectfully requested.

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